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Dear Howard (JP),

Had I been able to afford it, I'd have phoned you last night. My friend Walter, whose plans can't be very flexible, has had to change them. He is now expecting to come here the weekend of the 17th, can't that of the 10th ot this one, when he has to be at the booksellers' convention in Washington. When he will be here, we'll have to be uninterrupted. Not he and I, his fiancee and I, for she is doing a book I'm not writing and it has real possibilities. Therefore, I suggest that as soon as you can you come. I may be away Monday, at the ABA meeting, but I'll be here the rest of the week.

There is no conflict in you and JP being here the same time, not even if Robert and Chris come, as I'd like, for some tape dubbing at which Robert is first-rate. We can always put the chez lounge on the porch for the extra sleeping space. Jerry is coming the weekend of the 10th. He says he'll spend much of it helping his sister pack. She is near DC and moves on the 13th.

Lattimer has sent me two piece, the second on some new "ballistics" tests. I've not had a chance to look at either.

Perhaps your papers also suppressed it, but Gervais has double-crossed the feds and claims they forced him to frame Garrison (I believe the frame and think the forcing probable). I've been writing something on it, a long magazine piece that, if I can't now sell it, I can later use in a book. It makes a helluva story, if you know Gervais, his and Garrison's history, etc., as I do.

Jerry, if your station down there is willing, maybe they'd send you transcripts of what they transcribed of what they aired. I'm getting what WDSU-TV did, and have what WWL-TV did. They have the scoop and they will have more. Some is in the works now. The weird thing here is that Garrison's worst enemy broke the piece honestly (press enemy, that is) and has been playing it straight. It looks like the feds are setting Gervais up for a perjury rap or something similar. He's tough and if they pull this, he'll allege subornation, which would make it a crime under state law and the fat will be sizzling again.

Hurriedly,